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ANNUAL REPORT.

REPORT of the Council to be presented to the Members at the Twenty-second Annual Meeting, to be held in the Technical Hall, Huddersfield, on Saturday, 22nd May, 1926, at 7 p.m.

The Council has the honour to present its Report upon the "Coming-of-Age" Year of the Association, ended 31st December, 1925.

In what should have been entirely a year of rejoicing, there has most regretfully to be recorded an especially heavy loss of members by death. Among the very good friends of whose support our Association and Movement have been deprived, are Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, Rev. H. C. Bond, Mr. J. W. Boys, Mr. W. R. E. Coles, Capt. A. B. Colville, Mrs. L. E. Doran, Dr. J. E. Esslemont, Mr. H. C. Jack, Dr. D. Rhys Jones, Mr. H. F. Locke-King, Mr. W. J. Lewis, Mr. A. P. H. Rollason, Mr. W. H. Scott, Mr. Thomas Smith, and Dr. M. Sturge.

In addition to this long list the Association has lost other valuable direct help. Our Business Manager, Mr. Harry A. Epton, who has given ungrudging labour and thought to the Association's affairs for the past six years and a half, was obliged, in the interests of his family and of his future prospects, to accept a more promising position. We are happy to say that upon the Executive Committee the Association still has the benefit of Mr. Epton's unabated fervour and long experience. A few weeks later our Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. H. Edmonds,—whose devotion to the work of the Association has been beyond telling—together with Messrs. H. Boll, F. Rickett Shelton, G. T. Smith, and F. E. Wadham (for reasons already fully reported in *The British Esperantist*, January 1926), retired from the various offices they had so well filled. The Council feel assured that the whole Membership will join with them in heartiest thanks for the past work of all the gentlemen named. Among other things, Mr. Edmonds leaves lasting memorials of his term of office in our 50,000 Shillings Fund and *International Language*.

Officers.—The already large indebtedness of the Association to its President became greatly increased by the prompt and effective manner in which—in spite of his being at the time in ill health—he dealt with the difficulties which arose towards the close of the year. All will wish him better health and smoother sailing henceforth. The changes necessitated in officering and Staff will come before the Annual Meeting for acceptance or alteration.

Finances.—These always claim the gravest attention of all responsible for the conduct of the Association. The figures of the accompanying Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are an object lesson in the need for greater thought on the part of those whom the Association represents.

It will be noted that there is a slightly reduced revenue from Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees—reflecting the time of monetary difficulties through

which the world is still passing—and that other receipts show a better tendency. They are in no way, however, equal to the needs of expenditure, which, despite the best intentions and efforts at economy, are necessarily in many instances also on the upgrade, particularly with regard to *International Language*, our most valuable propaganda organ. It is obvious that unless our friends make some solid effort to increase its sales, this will have to suffer by essential economies. Vorto al saĝulo sufiĉas!

As a result of the extra charge of this item upon our funds; of the fact that the support from our Guarantors is somewhat less than that of 1924; and of an increase in our general indebtedness, our final balance is extremely unsatisfactory.

Generally, we have every reason to be thankful for the past year's progress. In every important country (Great Britain alone excepted) substantial progress has been made in the radio world; the list of broadcastings lengthens monthly. The reports of the International Amateur Radio Conference; the international Conferences on the use of Esperanto in Pure and Applied Science, and in Commerce and Industry (recognised by many Governments); and especially the recognition of our language by the International Telegraphic Union:—a glance at these should enthuse the most pessimistic, and lead them to realise that an adverse balance should be but an encouragement to fuller and more eager and more sustained effort.

Members and Fellows.—There has again been a steady addition to our Roll. If, however, the Association is to reach the position of being self-supporting, much earnest and persistent effort in recruiting must be undertaken by the Members individually and by Groups.

Subscription.—A recommendation by the Committee on the Future of the Association that the subscription should be reduced to 7/6 was passed by a meeting on the 20th November, but in consequence of the loss of organising power above referred to, the matter was reconsidered by one of the largest and most representative meetings which the Association has yet held (apart from Annual Meetings), and the change was rescinded by an overwhelming majority, those present accepting the loss of *Literaturo*, without an equivalent, as a necessary sacrifice in aid of the Association's funds.

It is, however, generally felt and believed that a reduction of the subscription to 5/- should, with the cordial help of all interested, lead to a very large increase of the membership, and this matter is being practically considered.

Book Sales.—The profit on this department shows an encouraging growth, and the introduction of the "Coupon Postage System" should secure an even better result for future reports. The following statistics for 1925 may be found interesting: Copies sold of *The Esperanto Teacher*, 3795; *First Steps*, 3818; *Esperanto for All*, 5405; *other English Text Books*, 5155; *Keys*, 8800; *Dictionaries*, 1953; *Badges*, 950.

Gramophone Records.—Probably the greatest event of the Association's year was the successful issue, in the last month, of the long-looked-for gramophone records spoken by Dr. Edmond Privat and produced by the Linguaphone Institute in collaboration with the Association. These,—with the accompanying special Text Books and Wall Tablets for the Instructional Course—should do much to aid teachers (especially any who lack experience or the "gift" of teaching); and these records, and the Advanced (or Literary) set, will serve to assure all who use them—especially isolated students—that they are requiring an excellent standard of pronunciation and style.

As the Association is authorised to deal in these records throughout the World, it is anticipated that the sales will materially benefit the funds, and a good beginning has been made.

Federations and Groups.—As usual, the Federations and Groups have laboured with varying degrees of energy and success, and on the whole much good work has been done. An increase in communion and emulation between Groups would lead to very much greater results.

An Irish Esperanto Association has been formed which, though not affiliated to the B.E.A., will work in harmony with it and necessarily help it indirectly.

"British Esperantist."—This has continued to epitomise events in "our World" and its affairs generally, to the enlightenment and encouragement of our Members.

"International Language."—Under the Editorship of Mr. C. H. Edmonds throughout the year, not only were the high quality and interest maintained, but the quantity was increased. 72,000 copies were issued: an average of 6,000 per month.

There is no doubt that this is the Association's greatest propaganda effort. For that reason it deserves and requires very much greater support than it at present receives. The fact that our Balance Sheet shows a very heavy loss on this item proves, on the one hand, how good a "value for money" was given; while it unfortunately shows, on the other hand, to what a limited extent this great opportunity is appreciated. No English-speaking Esperantist should be without his monthly copy for perusal and subsequent propaganda use.

Funds.—The Council most thankfully records the receipt of gifts of £100 by Mrs. Mudie to

the Capital Fund, in memory of Capt. H. B. Mudie, and of £50 by Miss M. B. Clark, to the Guarantee Supplementary Fund, 1924.

Our "50,000 Shillings Fund" is now well on its way, and there seems no reason why it shall not reach the half-way mark before the end of 1926.

Examination Committee.—There was a considerable increase in the number of candidates compared with the total in each of the two preceding years.

The results of the examinations in 1925 were as follows:—Preliminary:—Certificates awarded 62; ditto with distinction 57; failed 55; Total 174. Last year 128. Advanced:—Certificates awarded 33; ditto with distinction 12; failed 22; Total 67. Last year 60.

The great majority of the Groups, however, have again failed to put forward any candidates for these examinations. It is very desirable that examinations for the B.E.A. certificates should be held at the end of each session at all places where class instruction is given, as such examinations provide a valuable stimulus for serious study of the language.

Instruction Committee.—The number of students taking advantage of the B.E.A. Correspondence Courses shows an appreciable advance over that of last year, and it is clear that these Courses are much wanted and enable very useful work to be done.

It is pleasing to note that many of the Students have passed the B.E.A. Preliminary and Advanced Examinations, and the Examinations of the London Chamber of Commerce.

It is felt that many Esperantists would profit by taking the Translation Course.

The Council wish to express their gratitude to Mrs. Clayton, and to those who have acted as Tutors and done so much without remuneration to make these Courses a success, thereby incidentally considerably helping the funds of the Association.

Apart from this work, nearly fifty readers of *International Language* sent in answers to the exercises set monthly up to August. These were helpfully corrected, and a number of proficient adherents added to our Cause and Association.

Library.—The following is a rough estimate of the number of titles of books and articles listed in the catalogue.

Heading.		*Articles and books.*	*Postcards.*
0.	General	130	3
1.	Philosophy	300	5
2.	Religion	380	29
3.	Sociology	620	91
4.	Philology	1000	21
5.	Science	650	5
6.	Technology	1000	22
7.	Art, Sport	300	41
8.	Literature	2100	28
9.	History	275	2
91.	Geography, Travel	550	130
92.	Biography	975	425
E0.	Esperanto Movement	2000	670
E1-E9.	Esperanto Language	2350	63
G.L.	Esperanto Periodicals	70	18
		12,700	1,553

Alphabetical Index of Titles and of Subjects: 9,800. *Total: Catalogue, Postcards and Index;* 24,053 cards.

All the material is classified by subject, each item receiving a distinctive number by the Dewey system, and being easily available for reference. There is also a large collection of leaflets, cuttings, and MSS, arranged on the same plan. 95 current Esperanto magazines are displayed in the Reading-Room. Some 100 volumes of magazines await binding before they can be indexed and rendered available for use. No funds are available for the upkeep of the Library, or for binding, and help for this purpose would be greatly appreciated.

The Library is a Reference Library only, and books may not be removed from the room.

Office Staff.—The Council desires to record its hearty thanks to Mr. Butler, Mr. Epton, and the Staff, who carried out their duties with an amount of devotion without which much of the work done could not possibly have been accomplished. Correspondence received at the office during the year was 15,146; correspondence dispatched, 27,680; circulars manifolded (including press service), 22,604.

London Chamber of Commerce Examinations.—These were again very well attended, as evidenced by the excellent record of Passes published in November *British Esperantist.*

B.E.A. Publications.—During the year the Association published the *International Radio Manual, The Object Lesson,* and *Kantaro Esperanta.* It also collaborated in the preparation of the text of the Linguaphone Esperanto Course, *Esperanto in Thirty Lessons.* A number of leaflets were revised and reprinted—others were dropped *pro tem.* owing to lack of funds.

U.E.A.—By mutual consent between the B.E.A. and the U.E.A. the "Combined Subscription" has been discontinued. It is believed that this simplification of working will be to the advantage of both parties, while under the new arrangement the cost to the individual member is the same.

Premises.—The present lease has been extended to the end of 1926, when new premises must be found.

Ĉe Tour.—The Association was able to arrange a three months' Propaganda Tour by Mr. Andreo Ĉe, who did much good work, and

incidentally left behind him feelings of warm friendship on the part of all with whom he came in contact.

There can be no fear of the *future*. The Forward Movement throughout the whole world is unmistakeable. It is the *present*, and our own affairs, which at the moment give us concern. There are thousands of Esperantists in the British Empire who give no atom of support to their National Association. It is the duty of those who are interested in it to wake up to a sense of their duty those who are now content to let others do all the spadework at their own expense. When the day of full fruition of our efforts arrives, let there be no British Esperantists of whom it may be said, to their shame: "They reap where they have not sown."

Every minute of work done and every penny spent by the Association, is done and spent in the name and on behalf of the Esperantists of the British Empire. Let each recognise his responsibility, and future reports will be able to picture even greater activities without the background of financial anxiety for those who carry on the work.

THE BRITISH ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED).

Registered Offices—17, Hart Street, London, W.C. 1.

ANNUAL CIRCULAR.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-second Annual General Meeting (Twentieth since incorporation) of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated) will be held on Saturday, 22nd May, 1926, at 7 p.m. prompt, in the TECHNICAL HALL, HUDDERSFIELD.

AGENDA.

(a) Receive the Annual Report of the Council

(b) Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.

(c) Receive the Report of the Secretary as Returning Officer on the result of the ballot for Officers and Ordinary Councillors.

(d) Elect one or more Auditors for the ensuing year.

(e) Receive Report as to Guarantee Fund for the year 1925.

(f) Consider as to place for holding next Annual General Meeting.

(g) Elect a Trustee of B.M.M.F.

(h) Consider, and if necessary take action, with reference to any business or motion of which due notice may have been given, or which the majority of those present and entitled to vote may determine to entertain, not being inconsistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Notice is also hereby given that the first meeting of the new Council will be held at the conclusion of the said General Meeting, at the same place, for the appointment of Sub-Committees and for other routine business.

The General Meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Guarantors, in the same place, at 6.45 p.m. prompt.

Ballot Lists are enclosed herewith to Fellows and Members. Ballot Lists are also sent to Group Secretaries for distribution amongst their Group Representatives. The latest date for the return of the Ballot Lists is 3rd May, 1926.

The following is a list of the present Council:—

Hon. President:

J. M. Warden.

President:

J. Merchant.

Vice-Presidents:

J. J. Boutwood, J.P.
Prof. W. E. Collinson, M.A., Ph.D.
W. Harvey, I.S.O.

Hon. Treasurer:

Charles A. Fairman.

Hon. Secretary:

Robert Robertson.

Ordinary Councillors:

Due to retire in 1926—
J. D. Applebaum.
Rhodes Marriott.
W. M. Page.

Due to retire in 1927—
Miss J. Baird.
P. Blaise.
B. E. Long, B.A.
Col. Robinson.

Due to retire in 1928—
H. A. Epton.
J. T. Holmes.
H. Nicol.
Miss O'Brien.

Delegate Councillors:

Groups—

Aberdeen ...	... E. H. Lawton.
Accrington ...	... H. E. Roberts.
Barrow-in-Furness	... J. J. Birkett.
Bath... ...	... E. R. Blackett.
Belfast ...	... J. L. McGrath.
Birmingham...	... Miss M. L. Blake.
Blackburn ...	... H. Flint.
Bournemouth	... E. G. Worthington.
Bradford ...	... Miss M. E. Parker.
Brighton ...	... J. G. Sims.
Buckhurst Hill	... L. N. Newell.
Burnley ...	... W. B. Currie.
Burntisland ...	... J. Rodger.
Cardiff ...	... H. A. Epton.
Cheltenham ...	... W. M. Appleby.
Coventry ...	... Miss C. O. Taylor.
Croydon ...	... C. A. Fairman.
Deal ...	... C. E. Cowper.
Eastbourne ...	... Lt.-Col. Robinson.
Edinburgh ...	... Mrs. Clayton.

Glasgow ...	... G. D. Buchanan.
Hastings ...	... W. J. Turner.
Huddersfield	... J. H. Fitton.
Kettering ...	... A. E. Smith.
Kingston-on-Thames	... F. O. Lechmere-Oertel.
Leeds ...	... H. Shore.
Leith ...	... G. Dickinson.
Letchworth ...	... Miss E. Young.
Liverpool ...	... J. D. Applebaum.
London (Central)	... Miss M. Rook.
Balham ...	... Miss A. L. Borel.
Bethnal Green	... C. Steel.
Charing Cross	... G. N. Farmer.
South ...	... H. Moy Thomas.
Wood Green	... H. Nicol.
Luton ...	... W. H. Gething.
Manchester ...	... I. H. Wright.
St. Helens ...	... C. J. Jones.
Sheffield ...	... G. W. Roome.
Shipley ...	... Miss M. E. Parker.
Tonbridge ...	... Rev. W. J. Downes.
Torquay ...	... W. R. Wood.
Welwyn Garden City	... H. Shackleton.
Whitchurch ...	... Miss H. M. Furber.

Federations :—

Lancashire & Cheshire	Miss B. Drinkwater.
Midland	
N. Eastern	F. Sutcliffe.
Scottish	J. Rodger.
S. Eastern	L. N. Newell.
S. Western	Miss E. Hogg.
Yorkshire	F. C. Rhodes.

Group Representatives :

Ashton ...	... R. R. Kenworthy.
Bradford ...	... J. T. Holmes.
Brighton ...	... Miss E. Dovey.
Edinburgh ...	... Miss Robb, Miss Tait, Miss Valentine, W. Harvey, J. P. W. Murray, Miss MacFarlane.
Glasgow ...	... Miss Yuille, D. Kennedy, R. G. Liston, G. F. Ramsey.
London :—	
Dimanĉa Rondo	... F. E. Wadham.
South ...	... F. E. Wadham.
Wood Green	... F. R. Shelton.
Manchester ...	... Miss E. Derbyshire.
Newcastle ...	... F. Clegg.
Welwyn Garden City	... H. Shackleton.

BALLOT LIST, 1926-7.

For the Election of Officers and Councillors.

(Copy of the Ballot List sent to Members, Fellows and Affiliated Groups in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-laws).

President :

JOHN MERCHANT.

Vice-Presidents (3) :

J. J. BOUTWOOD, J.P.
Prof. W. E. COLLINSON.
W. HARVEY, I.S.O.
J. T. HOLMES.
Lt.-Col. G. S. ROBINSON.

Hon. Treasurer :

C. A. FAIRMAN.

Hon. Secretary :

ROBERT ROBERTSON.

Councillors (4) :

J. D. APPLEBAUM (Liverpool).
W. M. APPLEBY (Cheltenham).
W. C. CHATTERS (London).
W. A. GETHING (Luton).
RHODES MARRIOTT (Manchester).
L. N. NEWELL (London).
W. M. PAGE (Edinburgh).

All these nominations were made by the Council.

17th BRITISH ESPERANTO CONGRESS, Huddersfield, 21-25 May, 1926.

Additional arrangements: On Sunday there will be a Communal Lunch and a Communal Tea, in the evening a Concert.

Permission has been obtained to visit Kirklees Park (of Robin Hood fame) and Ilkley. Tours will be arranged also to the Wessenden Valley and to Buxton.

A detailed programme will appear shortly. Congress tickets bought before March 31 are 3/6; after that date, 5/-. Note the address of the Secretary: W. H. Hirst, 19 Lion Chambers, Huddersfield.

18th UNIVERSAL CONGRESS OF ESPERANTO, Edinburgh, 31 July—7 August, 1926.

On February 27 membership had reached 238; donations and guarantees were £101 and £265 respectively. A long list of influential patrons is announced.

Further dates in March for Mr. Stevenson's tour: Southport, 17th; Manchester, 18th; Burnley, 20th; Keighley, 22nd; Bradford, 24th.

Additions to the programme are lectures by Messrs. J. Grau Casas and J. Mangada Rosenorn on Catalonian and Spanish Folk-songs respectively; and Community Singing under the direction of Mr. Harrison Hill.

Return Tickets may be obtained from all British Stations and harbours at 1⅓ of the ordinary single fare.

Congress Subscription, £1; payable to the Secretaries. Address: 18th Congress of Esperanto, Edinburgh.

London and District. A Joint Committee of the B.E.A., the London Esperanto Club, and the U.E.A., has been formed to arrange for the entertainment of Congress-members and other samideanoj in London before and after the Congress. Invitations for parties to visit places in the neighbourhood of London will be welcomed. Proposals in this direction should be sent as soon as possible, by Group Seretaries or others able to help, to the Hon. Sec., London Committee, c/o B.E.A., 17 Hart St., W.C. 1.

THE BRITISH ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED).

PUBLICATIONS FUND.

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS, for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Stock on Hand, 1st January, 1925	767	15	6
,, Purchases	49	3	6
,, Balance, carried down, Gross Profit	98	16	10
	£915	15	10
,, Committee Expenses		10	6
,, Interest on Loans	14	14	8
,, Balance, being Net Profit carried to Capital Account	95	8	10
	£110	14	0

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Sales	202	11	5
,, Stock on Hand, 31st December, 1925	713	4	5
	£915	15	10
,, Balance, brought down, Gross Profit	98	16	10
,, Interests Received	6	17	2
,, Sundry Receipts	5	0	0
	£110	14	0

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Creditors :—						
Loans, Free of Interest	137	0	0			
,, Bearing 4% per annum ...	240	0	0			
,, Bearing 5% per annum ...	191	0	0			
				568	0	0
Trade Accounts				71	6	0
,, Capital Account :—						
As at 1st Jan., 1925	516	6	8			
Add :—Net Profit, as per Profit and Loss Account	95	8	10			
				611	15	6
				£1,251	1	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash at Westminster Bank Ltd., Bloomsbury :—						
Current Account	33	12	9			
Deposit Account	350	0	0			
				383	12	9
,, Debtor :—Trade Accounts				154	4	4
,, Stock on Hand, 31st Dec., 1925				713	4	5
				£1,251	1	6

GENERAL FUNDS.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries							841	8	11
,, Rent...							163	0	0
,, *The British Esperantist* Expenses							100	18	2
,, *Literaturo* Expenses							56	4	7
,, *International Language* :—									
Expenditure on Production for 1925				700	4	8			
Preliminary Expenses & cost of Publicity brought forward from 1924 ...	140	0	0						
Further Preliminary Expenses incurred in 1925	12	0	0						
	152	0	0						
Less : — Proportion chargeable to 1926 ...	82	0	0	70	0	0			
							770	4	8
,, Postages							129	11	0
,, Printing and Stationery							94	19	2
,, Reserve for Repairs to Office Premises ...							15	0	0
,, Sundry Expenses							86	19	1
,, Contribution to Konstanta Reprezentantaro ...							27	10	0
,, Expenses re Delegates to Geneva and Paris Conferences							18	0	0
,, Auditors' Fees							10	10	0
,, Publicity							47	10	6
,, Ĉe Propaganda Tour							21	2	0
							£2,382	18	1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Gross Profit on Trading Accounts				223	17	1
,, Subscriptions of Fellows, Members, and Associates				530	0	3
,, Affiliation Fees				36	8	0
,, Donations				34	13	2
,, *Literaturo* Subscriptions, Sales, and Advertisements				5	19	0
,, *International Language* :—						
Subscriptions and Sales ...	263	9	1			
Advertisements	322	10	5			
				585	19	6
,, Examinations (Net Income)				9	5	6
,, Correspondence Courses (Net Income) ...				31	1	0
,, Commission, Discount and Interest				10	11	2
,, Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for year, carried to Balance Sheet				915	3	5
				£2,382	18	1

BALANCE SHEET, as at 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Sundry Creditors :—			
Deposit Accounts		333 3 2	
Trade and Other Accounts		1,414 10 10	
Publications Committee Trade Accounts		154 4 4	
Loans for Publications		572 0 0	
			2,473 18 4
,, Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts			35 5 0
,, Reserve for Repairs to Premises			45 0 0
,, Subscriptions in Advance :—			
Membership		69 7 6	
Affiliation Fees		1 0 0	
International Language ...		30 17 6	
			101 5 0
,, Special Funds :—			
Capital Fund :—			
50,000 Shillings Appeal	800 13 0		
Life Subscriptions	221 5 0		
		1,021 18 0	
Ernest Pointer (Memorial) Fund		13 5 8	
Premises Fund		167 11 8	
John Ellis Prize Fund		40 0 0	
Aneurin Williams Prize Fund ...		20 0 0	
John Pollen Memorial Fund ...		32 13 0	
Literary Committee Fund ...		12 18 5	
			1308 6 9
Note :—			
Guarantee Fund		510 1 0	
Less :—Received, as contra ...		247 11 7	
Amount due		£262 9 5	
			£3,963 15 1

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cash :—			
At Barclay's Bank, Ltd., Bloomsbury Branch			
Current Account		23 0 11	
Deposit Account (Trust Funds) :—			
Capital Fund	410 15 3		
Pointer Fund ...	13 5 8		
Premises Fund ...	7 11 8		
Reserve for Repairs	45 0 0		
Aneurin Williams Prize Fund	20 0 0		
Literary Committee Fund	12 18 5		
John Pollen Prize Fund	32 13 0		
		542 4 0	
In Hand		18 10	
			566 3 9
,, Investments (National Savings Certificates) :—			
Premises Fund		160 0 0	
John Ellis Prize Fund		42 1 8	
Capital Fund		200 0 0	
			402 1 8
,, Debtors :—			
General		450 3 3	
Publications Committee		572 0 0	
			1,022 3 3
,, Proportion of Preliminary Expenses and cost of Publicity of *International Language* chargeable to 1926...			82 0 0
Office and Library Furniture			201 1 5
Library...			23 1 7
Stock on hand as certified by the Secretary :—			
Publications		857 6 8	
International Language ...		13 19 7	
Literaturo		6 10 6	
Publicity Literature		27 6 7	
Office Stationery		41 16 8	
Examinations Stationery ...		14 15 0	
Correspondence Courses Stationery		26 1 9	
			987 16 9
,, Revenue Account—			
Balance as at 1st January, 1925 ...		475 11 7	
Add Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year to 31st December, 1925		915 3 5	
		1,390 15 0	
Deduct Guarantee Fund 1924 received in 1925	291 16 9		
1924 Guarantee Supplementary Fund, received in 1925	171 19 10		
1925 Guarantee Fund received in 1925 ...	247 11 9		
		711 8 4	
			679 6 8
			£3,963 15 1

Report of Auditors to Members of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated)

We have audited the above Balance Sheet, dated 31st December, 1925, together with the annexed Balance Sheet of the Publications Fund, of the same date.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. Subject to our report of even date, in our opinion, these Balance Sheets are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Association.

95a, Chancery Lane,
London, W.C.2.
5th March, 1926.

(Signed) Fitzpatrick, Graham & Co., Chartered Accountants, } Auditors.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ESPERANTO EXAMINATIONS, 1925.

Prizes awarded: Leslie G. Burnett, £1; Miss I. Gibbons, £1; W. M. Appleby, £1; Miss E. J. M. Sampson, £2:2:0; Mrs. E. W. Wood, £3:3:0; W. R. Wood, £3.

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Scottish. The 21st Annual Scottish Congress will be held in Stirling, 5 June.

North-Eastern. The next Conference will be held in West Hartlepool on 24 April.

South-Eastern. The Conference on February 20 in London attracted 75 members. Mr. J. J. Boutwood was re-elected President.

KRONIKO GRUPA, KURSA, LOKA.

Birmingham. Nova kurso, 4 Feb., en Labour College, 180 Corporation St.

Bromford. Nova Kurso, 2 Feb., en Adult School.

Dublin. Mr. R. J. P Mortishead lectured to the League of Nations' Society on 17 Feb. on "The League and the Language Difficulty." Mr. F. R. A. McCormick and others took part in the discussion.

Edinburgh. Ĉe Kristnaska Festo oni kolektis pli ol £4 por helpi al la blindula kongreskaso.

Grimsby. Mr. R. J. Yarmouth, F.I.S.A., lectured on 26 January on "The Modern Tower of Babel." The Society has grown from 10 to 40 members in the past year.

London. En University College, London, je 6 Januaro, la B.E.A. okazigis kunvenon por konsideri la edukan valoron de Esperanto. La ĉambro estis plena. Prezidis S-ro Hamilton Fyfe, kaj parolis F-no A. Weeks, S-ro J. C. Flügel, S-ro W. E. Clayton. Poste okazis demonstro de la Gramofondiskoj vendataj de la B.E.A., kaj diversaj lumbildoj el la B.E.A. kolekto.

Dank' al la sindona laboro de S-ro H. T. Bailey, raporto kun portretoj aperis en la januara numero de *International Language*.

Dum la semajno B.E.A. aranĝis librobudon. Ni ŝuldas plej varman dankon al la jenaj samideanoj, inter aliaj, por valora kaj ŝatata helpo: F-inoj Blake, Bothwell, Jones, Ireland, Langelaan, Roche; S-inoj Kendrick, Smith, Yelland; S-roj Hawkins, Jones, Newell, Robertson; Ges. Hollier.

London (New Cross). Je 18 Jan. la Sekretario de la B.E.A. vizitis la lokan grupon, kaj trovis bonegan kunvenon kaj gratulindan progreson. Je 29 Jan. vizitis la grupon S-ro V. Grimmitt, kiu aŭdigis la Gramofonajn diskojn. Oni montris la novan grupan flagon.

London (Wood Green). La grupo eldonas interesan organeton: "La Anoncanto." Oni fieras, ke la grupo, kvankam ne tre granda, en sia historio liveris al la B.E.A. Kasiston, Redaktoron de *The British Esperantist*, Redaktoron de *Literaturo*, Honoran Sekretarion, senpagan Helpiston,, kaj multe da Membroj.

London, Clerkenwell. New class (Transport and General Workers' Union). Mondays, 5.15, at 28 City Road. Teacher, Mrs. Yelland.

London, Croydon. New class, under Mr. R. Law, alternate Thursdays, from 18 February, at 50 Avondale Rd., South Croydon.

London, Ealing. A new group meets Wednesdays, 7.45—9.45, at The Chocolate House, 9 Bond Street, Ealing Broadway. Hon. Sec., G. H. Parker, 76 Sydney Road, W. 13.

London, 69, High Holborn, W.C. 1. A class will be held weekly at this address, at 7.30 p.m., from Wednesday March 10. Open to members of the Posterity Pioneer Service only. Membership fee, One Shilling Yearly. Write for particulars.

London, Whitechapel. New class: Whitechapel Library, Mondays, 8.30, under I. Glaser, 25 Wellclose Sq., E.1., kiu liveros detalojn.

Manitoba. Oni raportas bonan progreson de la Manitoba Societo. Sek., F-ino C. Playfair, 315, Mountain Avenue, Winnipeg.

West Hartlepool. A most successful social was held in the Masonic Hall, 9 February. 60 students of the various Esperanto classes were present. There was a fine programme under Madame Wing.

Withernsea. The local class reports "all going strong."

WHAT ARE THE OTHER GROUPS DOING?

MORTOJ.

Shelton.—Myrtle Shelton, edzino de F. R. Shelton, 65-jara, je 21 Februaro.

Stockton.—S-ro L. D. Stockton, 70-jara, en Oakland, Cal., je 28 Jan.

GRUPAJ PROGRAMOJ.

Birmingham. 17 Mar., Teatraĵo. Ankaŭ parolado ĉe Witton W.C.G., 3.0.

Edinburgh. 17 Mar., Ekzamenoj. 24 Mar., Kantvespero. 31 Mar., La Kongreso. 7 Apr., Socia Kunveno. 14 Apr., Jarkunveno.

London (Central). 19 Mar., Jarkunveno. 26 Mar., Socia Kunveno (biletoj 1/6).

London (Wood Green). 25 Mar., Boat-konkurso. 8 Apr., Societa Rondo.

London (Laborista Klubo). 20 Mar., Atlantiso. 27 Mar., Ŝaradoj.

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NEW FELLOWS.

G. H. Parker, *London*.
A. Rutherford, *Glasgow*.
E. G. Worthington, *Bournemouth*.

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NEW DELEGATE COUNCILLORS.

Bethnal Green, Charles Steel.
Blackburn, Harry Flint.
S.E. Federation, L. N. Newell.

DONATIONS TO B.E.A. (Feb., 1926).

Miss E. L. Young, 10/-; E. Andrews, £1; J. Viliesid, 10/-.

MONTAGU C. BUTLER, *Secretary*.

PASSED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

Esther A. Kirkman, Agnes Lawton, *Dukinfield, Cheshire;* *Lazarus Rosenbloom, *Winifred Aldhouse, Mrs. Martha McDonald, *John F. Mackay, John E. McCann, *Manchester;* *Mrs. Emily Grout, *Welling, Kent;* Mrs. Minnie Barnett, *London*.

PASSED ADVANCED EXAMINATION.

*Reginald F. Banham, *Melbourne;* Mrs. Annie Shipman, *Birkenhead*.

* Denotes that candidate has passed with distinction.

WM. HARVEY, Hon. Sec.,
27th February, 1926. Examination Committee.